rejection set forth in the November 27, 2001 Office Action.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been overcome, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that claims 1-28 are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark L. Watson at (303) 740-1980.

Respectfully submitted,

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